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Judges

Chapter 1

I Israel said to the LORD, "Who will go up to us to worship him?" And it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that his sons asked him, began to go up with him; I gave the land into his hand. And the LORD said, Judah shall go up, and we will fight in thee also into thy lot. And my cause. And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, and I will go up with Simeon went up with thee.

The LORD gave the Kenites and the Perizzites into their hand, and they struck down ten thousand men with a spear. And Judah went up, and found the Lord of Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him, and smote the Canaanites and the Perizzites. And the Lord of Bezek pursued him, and caught him, and cut off the thumbs of his hands and his feet. And they made him king in the wilderness. Their hands and feet are like a thin sheet of paper. And the Lord said, "Seventy-seven days."

made Jerah and Shelomith, and God brought them to death They were gatherers under the camp of Asher, and they {p} ;nbsp&Sham: Baasha.

And And the children of Judah fought against Beersheba and Shelomith, and took it, and smote it with the sword, and destroyed the city. afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Kenites, who lived in the hill country, and in the

And Negev, and in the lowland. And Judah went to the Kenites, who lived in the In Hebron, and in Shem-Hebron, before Kirjath Arba, and they smote he went from them to Debir, and the name of Debir was opposite Kiriath-sepher. And Caleb said, "Whoever has struck in my house, and he captured her, Kiriath-sepher and captured it and given it to me as a wife, let him take Achsah to wife. and Othniel the son of Kenaz my brother." And Caleb the younger of them, and gave him Achsah his daughter

And when she came, she was persuaded to ask her father in the field, and she alighted from the donkey, and he said to her, "What is your business?"

And she gave him three days of water, and he gave her a heart. And he said, "If you bring me a blessing, I will give you the land of the Negev," and you shall be given the land of the upper and the lower.

D And the children of Kenite, Moses' son-in-law, went up from the city of Tamar to the children of Judah from the wilderness of Judah, to the Negev of Araunah, and he went and settled the people. And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they defeated the Canaanites who lived in Zephath, and they destroyed them, and he called the name of the city Hormah. And he gathered them together. Judah: Gaza and its territory, Ashkelon and its territory, Ekron and its territory.

M: And the LORD will be with Judah, and will make the mountain an inheritance, because the inhabitants of the valley cannot be inherited, because Barzillai rides on it. And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had said: and Moses drove out of them the children of Anak, and the Jebusites that dwelt in Jerusalem, but the children of Benjamin did not drive out: and the Jebusites drove out the children of Benjamin, and they were quiet unto this day.

And he went up to Beth-Joseph, and the LORD was with them. And he set fire to Beth-Joseph in Beth-Joseph, and the name of the city was before him,

Loz. And the watchmen saw a man coming out of the city, and they said unto him, Show us the entrance of the city, and we will shew you mercy.

And he saw the entrance of the city, and he smote the city. By the sword, and the man and all his family, they sent him away. And he called the name of the city Luz, which is its name to this day. {P} ;nbsp&And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built

And the heir of the throne shall marry Beth-shean and her daughters, and Taanach and her daughters, and the [inhabitants] of Dior and her daughters, and the inhabitants of Ibalam and her daughters, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her daughters, and they shall be persuaded to dwell in the land. This {s} ;nbsp&And it came to pass, when Hazael had strengthened Israel, that he made the Canaanites a tribute, and made them his heirs.

{S} ;nbsp&And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gaza, and the Canaanites came near Gaza.

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it came to pass Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Keton and the inhabitants of Nahalol, and the Canaanites lived in close proximity to them.
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Asher did not dispossess the inhabitants of Acco, the inhabitants of Sidon, Ahalab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, and Rehob. {S} ;nbsp&And the Asherites dwelt near the Kenites,
and dispossessed them.
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Naphtali the Horite had the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and the inhabitants of Beth-anath, and he lived near the Kenites. He lived in the land and in
Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath, and they were theirs for tribute. And he said to the children of
go down to the valley."
S: And the Amorites dwelt in mount Chereth, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, and they were encamped in the land of the house of Joseph, and they were in the land of
from the ascent of Maaleah. the Amorites, from the ascent of the rock, and

Chapter 2

{P} And he said, I will bring you up out of Egypt, and I will bring you back to the land which I swore to your fathers, saying, I will not break my covenant with you for ever: and
their voice, what have I will not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land. You will be cut off from their altars, and you will not hear
you done to them? And I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they will be for you, and their God will be for you a refuge. And it was as the angel of the
LORD spoke these
words. All the children of Israel, and they lifted up their voice with them.

And they
wept: {p} ;nbsp&And they called the name of the place where the wind was blowing, and they offered sacrifices unto the LORD.
And Joshua sent the people away, and the children of Israel went to possess the land, to possess it. The days of the elders, who were old,
were long; and the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all
After Joshua had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, the son of
Maah, died at the age of one hundred and twenty years. He was buried with his family in the territory of
his inheritance in Timnath-heres in Mount Ephraim, which is on the east side of Mount Gaash.
the And also all that generation was gathered unto their fathers, and there arose generation after generation after them, which knew not the LORD {P} ;nbsp&And also the
work that he had done to Israel: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and served the Baals, their God. Their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, went and forsook the LORD.

enraged;thinsp&after ÿ other gods than the gods of the peoples who were around them, and they worshiped them and were
And he forsook
the LORD, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth. And the LORD was angry with Israel,
and delivered them into the hand of their enemies, and they were dismayed, and were sold into the hand of their enemies round about.
And they could not stand before their enemies. The LORD brought them
captivity, and the LORD blessed them, and made a into If the hand of the LORD were to go out, it would be against them for evil, as if it were a word.
covenant for them. And the LORD raised up judges,
and delivered them from the days of their enemies. They went a whoring after
Fo other gods, and he brought them out of the land of Egypt. And even to their judges they did not listen, because
if their fathers had not obeyed the commandments of the LORD, they would have judged them,
and the LORD would be with the judge and save them from the day of judgment. And the LORD would be their judge, and the LORD would be their enemy, as long as the
days of judgment were fulfilled, and the LORD would comfort them from their enemies. And they drove them out: at the death of the judge who
sat in it, and they were corrupted from their fathers to walk after other gods; and it was so.
To serve them and to bow down to them, they did not fall from their high places and from their difficult paths.
T- And the LORD said unto Israel, If this nation transgress my covenant, which I have commanded, ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ-ÿÿÿÿÿ
Their fathers did not listen to my voice. I also will
not allow anyone to be sent away from them by the nations that the Lord has left and is dead. They will test Israel by keeping the way of the Lord to
walk in it, as their fathers did. If they do not, we will be given into the hand of the Lord. ÿÿÿÿ address

And no {P} ;nbsp&And the LORD shall lead the heathen away, and the children of Israel shall be his heirs.

Chapter 3

children And these nations, whom the LORD hath sent, to test Israel with all that they know not, even all the heat of Canaan: but to answer them, even to this generation the
of Israel,
to teach them war, but to teach them war before their eyes, that they may know not. Joshua dwelleth in mount Lebanon in haste. ;thinsp&fifth
And the living The Philistine armies, all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, from Mount
Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.

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And they were to test Israel, to see whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. The Hittites, the Amorites,
wives. And the Perizzites, and the children of Israel, dwelt near the Kenites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and they took their daughters to them as
daughters to their sons, and they served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served
the Baals.

And the anger of the
LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan the king of Aram, and the children of Israel served Cushan the king of Aram eighty years. And the children of Israel delivered them out of the hand of Othniel the king of
Aram, the youngest of his brothers. The LORD was with him, And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, and the LORD raised up Moses a savior for the children of Israel.
he judged Israel, and went out to battle, and and
the LORD delivered him into his hand. And it was upon him.
The wickedness of the king of Aram and the wickedness of the king of Cush.
{P} ;nbsp&And the land was quiet forty years: and Othniel the son of Kenaz led Israel to do evil in the sight of the LORD: and
the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because he had done evil in the sight of the LORD: and he gathered unto him the And they added their sons.
possessed children of Ammon. And Amalek went and overthrew Israel, and
the city of Tamar. And the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab for eighty-two years. And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: and the LORD raised up for
them a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, the son of the right hand of Ishmael. And he took the bullock of Moab, and made him a
ram, and put it on his thigh, and put it on his right thigh, and he offered the bullock of the king of Moab. And he made him a ram, and he put it on his right thigh, and he offered the
bullock of the king of Moab. And Eglon was a very healthy man. And he was ready to offer the sacrifice, and he sent away the people who
from the graven images, and came to Gilgal, and said a word to the king, and he said, carried the sacrifice. And he returned

And all the people came to him, and he was sitting
on the high place where he was alone. And Ehud said, "Thinsp, the word of God to you," and Ehud rose from the seat. And Ehud put out his right hand, and took the sword from
between his thighs, and threw it into the fire. In his belly: his right
hand, so that the sword may be drawn from his belly
A And it came to pass. And the raven came behind the flame, and the milk was covered with the flame, so that
And Ehud went out
the into the courtyard and covered the windows of the upper room with his shoes and sandals. And behold,
And windows of the upper room were opened, and Lot said, "Your servant is gone." And he went out, and his servants went out, and they saw his feet in the middle of the room.
behold, they began to go up to the porch,
and behold, they were not there. The gates of the upper chamber were opened, and they took the key, and they opened it, and the Lord fell upon the ground. And Ehud
went up to the city, and he passed by the
pillars, and he went up to the city. And when he came, he blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went
the fords down with him. And he said unto them, Pursue them: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after them, and took
of Jordan unto Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over: they were filled, and there was none left. And Moab was subdued that day. And the Lord gave it into the hand
of Israel, and the land had rest eighty years.
And they slew of Moab at the time of the battle about ten thousand, all fat and all valiant men.

And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who slew of the Philistines six hundred men in the morning, and he also saved Israel.

Chapter 4

Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and Judah died. And the king's sons were defeated by Sisera, the commander
on of his army, and he was defeated. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who was the greatest of all the nations. And he went to destroy the
sons of Israel.
ÿÿÿÿ And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, Nine hundred chariots of iron were with him.
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The prophetess of Lapidoth judged Israel in her time of need. And Deborah was a
he woman, and she dwelt under the oak of Deborah between Haramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up unto her for judgment in Naphtali: and
said unto her, This is the
commandment. ;thinsp&send and call Barak the son of Avina from Mekdesh, the LORD, and encamp at
daughters. my Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand of the sons of the God of Israel, to give you a gift for my sons and for
Zebulun: And
I will draw Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, and his chariots and his horsemen, to the river Kishon, and will deliver him into your hand.

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I will not go with you." But if you do not go and I will not go with you, And he said to her, "Blessed is she who goes with me, and
woman will meet you on the way, and I will bring you back as I have done. And he said, "Go with your people, for you will not be
The LORD sent Sisera, and Deborah arose, and went with Barak to sold."
Kedesh. And Barak troubled Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he killed ten thousand men at his feet, and he went with him.
Deborah,
the daughter of Moses' son-in-law, went to Aiylon (in the fields) [in the fields], And the son of Ken was separated from Ken.
which is by Kedesh. And they told
Sisera how Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. And
Sheth Hag to the Sisera routed all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of Barzillai, and all the people. I will go with you from
river Kishon. The Lord
Lord will go will deliver Sisera into your hand. The And Deborah said to Barak, "Arise, for this is the day that has been given."
out before you. And Barak came down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men after him.
A And Jehoshaphat threw Sisera and all the chariots and all the camp into a panic before Barak. And Sisera got down from the chariot and fell on his feet.
Jehoshaphat and Barak pursued after the
chariots and after the camp until they came to the wilderness of Sheth of the Gentiles, and they were defeated. The whole camp of Sisera was in a state
of panic. Sisera fled on not
foot to the tent of Jael the Kenite's wife, because there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And Jael went
out to call Sisera and said to
him, "Lord, my lord, my lord, I will come to you." Do not be afraid. And he took the tent over her and covered her with a veil.

And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am hungry. And she opened the bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and sat down.
thou shalt say, I am not. And he said unto her, Stand by the door of the tent, and it shall be, if any man come and ask thee, and say, There is a man in the house: and
And And Yael the wife of Hebed took the tabernacle, and put the maccabees in her hand, and came to him in Balat, and she waited.
and he lay down, and he slept. And Jael saw him, and he lay down on the ground,
whom she had taken, and behold, Barak pursued Sisera, and Jael went out to call him, and said to him, "Come, I beg you,"
and he came to her, and behold, Sisera had fallen dead, and she was dead.
children of Israel And God subdued that day Jabin the king of Canaan before Israel. And the
went and smote Jabin the king of Canaan, and the children of Israel went and smote him, and he

Chapter 5

And Deborah and Barak
the son of Abinaam,
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In the wilderness ;nbsp;& To the Lord
;nbsp;   &ÿÿÿÿÿ ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ

In your footsteps ;nbsp;&

The LORD is this;   The mountains flowed
before the from Sinai
face of the LORD God to his throne
In the days of Yael;nbsp;&

I have risen, Deborah, I have risen.
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I sit on ;nbsp;&
;nbsp;&
Shem ;nbsp;& ;nbsp;&

Arise,
Barak; and beware, O son of Abinadab; and let the remnant of Arid descend to Adira; and the LORD will descend to you; and let then them go.
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From Ephraim
they shall go down after you, Benjamin; from Amalek they shall go down from Machir; from Amalek they shall go down from your sons;
And the people who live on Shabbat;
ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ
And the king of
Israel prospered with him, and he prospered as Barak did in the land of Egypt;nbsp;&
In the divisions of Reuben;nbsp;
;nbsp;   &ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ
Listen; why do you sit among the judges?
To the bands of Reuben; to the trumpets of the flocks; to the mighty men of heart; and to Dan; to Gilead beyond the Jordan, where Asher dwells; to the ships that sail.

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To death ;nbsp;&

Then they fought; and the kings fought in the wilderness against the kings of Canaan, and the kings of Canaan

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The stars fought from heaven, and from their pillars they fought against Sisera.

Ancients ;nbsp;   Nahul Kishon ÿ Graphs
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From the horse's heels;nbsp;
;nbsp;&

To help
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Blessings to the women who
make a man a wife in the
tent;   &nbs
In the evening;
;nbsp;&

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ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ
Between her feet, like a fallen tree,
As for the sun, it is like a
sun;nbsp;   &nbs
Before the window was opened, Sisera
was seated there, and he was aware of the sound of his chariot.

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ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ ;nbsp;   &ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ A later report
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But the wisdom of her servants will answer her questions.

Mercy ;nbsp;&

Embroidery for paintings ;nbsp;
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And his beloved shall be as the morning, and all thine
enemies shall perish, saith the LORD; and the land shall be quiet forty days; nbsp;&n
{P} ;nbsp&Second

Chapter 6

The LORD was in the hand of Midian seven years. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and Israel
done unto them. gave them the towers; and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel because of the Midianites which they had My children
And the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds:
and it was sown in Israel, and Midian and Amalek and the children of Kedem came up against
them, and they encamped against them, and smote the produce of the land until the day of Azzah, and left none remaining in Israel.
And the oxen,
and the asses, and the
camels For they and their goods shall come up, and their tents shall come, and they shall come like a multitude of locusts.

{P} ;nbsp&And Israel was delivered from the hand of Midian,
and it came to pass, that the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the
Midianites. ;thinsp&And the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, and he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD. God
O Israel, I will bring you up out of Egypt, and bring you out of the house of bondage.
And I will deliver you from the hand of Egypt, and from the hand of all your oppressors, and I will drive them out from before you, and I will give you their land.
When you dwell in their land and do And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God: ye shall not fear the gods of the Amorites.
not {p} ;nbsp&hearken to my voice.
And the angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak, where he was, as he was in the field, to shew his father Joash the son of Ezri, and Gideon was threshing
the field of Hanani, to flee from the Midianites. And the
of hosts, the LORD is with thy people, and angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said unto him, O mighty man
the LORD is with thee. Our Lord, why have you brought us all this trouble? And what is the matter with you? And Gideon said unto him,
Our fathers told us, saying, "Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?" But now the LORD has forsaken us and our fathers have perished.
In the hand of Midian:
The LORD, by whom the LORD saw him, and said unto him, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of Midian: behold, I have sent thee.
T children of Manasseh. And he said unto him, By me, and by me, shall the host of the host of the LORD be destroyed.
My
as a father. And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thy people, and thou shalt smite the Midianites
have found grace in thy sight, and thou wilt do me a thing, speak for me: I will be a witness.
Do not do this until I come to you and bring out my gifts and set them before you. And he said, "I am
And he
went out and brought them to And Gideon went and prepared young goats and an ephah of flour, and put them in a bowl.
Pharaoh and said to him, "The angel of God took the flesh
and the bones and put them on the rock, and the stone was broken, and he did so." And he touched the flesh and the bones,
and it was burned.
And the angel of the LORD sent the end of the covenant, which was in his hand.
departed from his And he ate the meat and the fat, and the angel of the LORD
sight. And Gideon said, "Surely the Lord GOD has seen this, and I have seen a man who has not And Gideon saw that he was an angel.
The LORD said to him, "Peace be
The LORD said to him, "Peace be with you, do not be afraid, for you will die."
and he afraid, for you will die." The LORD said to him, "Peace be with you, and you will die." And Gideon offered a sacrifice to the LORD,
called it the "Rabbi's Way of Reconciliation." { S& {nbsp;
The Lord took the bull that was your father's and the second bull that was your father's, and he said to him, "You shall tear
down the altar of burnt offering that was your father's and cut down the Asherah that was on it.
And you shall build an altar to the Lord your God by the fire of this covenant in the wilderness." And take the second bull and offer it.
his And Gideon took ten men of
servants, and did as the LORD had spoken unto him: and it came to pass, that as the LORD had said unto him, so it was,
He and the people of the city were up from their daily work and worked at night.

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And the seal that was on him was cut off and the mouth was opened. And the men of the city arose in the morning, and, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down.
The second time he did this thing, and they inquired and
When this asked him, and he said, "Gideon the son of Joah." And they said to each other, "Who is this?"
thing was done, the
They will fight men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son and kill him, for he has torn down the altar of Baal and the Asherah pole that was by it."
against Baal if they are saved.
And Joash said to all who stood by him, "You are the ones who will save us."
the LORD, because he hath broken And it came to pass in the day of the Lord, that he called upon the LORD, saying, There is much in the house of
down his altar.

And he passed over, and passed over into the valley of Jezreel: and all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of Kedem,
were gathered together: and the Spirit of the LORD smote Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, and Abijah followed him. And
Naphtali and Malachi sent throughout all Manasseh, and he followed him also. And he sent messengers to Asher and Zebulun, and they called them. And Gideon
said to God, "If Moses will
save Israel by your hand, as you have said, then set the bundle of figs in the threshing floor, and let it be for the bundle by itself, and
And for all the land of the living." Here I am
I know that I will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken. And it was so, and he took
a stone from the middle of the field, and spread out the pitcher, and took a stone from the pitcher, and filled the pitcher with water. And Gideon
said unto God, Let not my anger burn against me, and I will speak unto you again. I tried to be alone in the world.
And there shall be a sword in the wilderness, and over all the land shall be a slanderer. And God
shall do as he said in that night: and there shall be a sword in the wilderness, and over all the land shall be a slanderer. {P}

Chapter 7

And Gideon and all the people that were with him ascended to mount Baal, and pitched by the well of Haron: and the camp of Midian was over against them.
{S} ;nbsp&A watchtower from the top of Moreh in the deep.

Israel When I gave Midian into their hand, they were afraid of me. And the Lord said to Gideon, the commander of the people, "I sent you to tell you, 'My
hand is ready to save me.'" And he cried
out in the ears of the people. Twenty-two thousand of the city of Gilead, and you shall be afraid of me, and I will send you out of the city of Gilead, and you shall be
were left.

And the LORD said unto Gideon, Bring the people down unto the water, and I will gather them unto thee, and it shall be well with thee.
He will go with you, and whoever says to you, "This is what you shall go with," he will not go with your people. And he brought the people down to the water. And
the It's okay.
R Lord said to Gideon, "All who speak of the water as if they were a snake,
And all who are willing to drink on his knees. The heart of the people will present itself alone,
M and the number of the people who are in their hands will be three hundred men, and all the rest of the people will be like a lamb on its back. And the day will
come when the Lord will give it to them.
Yes And the LORD said unto Gideon, With three hundred men that smote, I will save you, and deliver Midian into your hand.
And all the people went every man to his place.
hundred. and in And they took the people's shield in their hand, and the trumpets of alarm, and all the men of Israel sent every man to his tent, three-quarters of a
And the people strengthened themselves, and the Midianites encamped against them in the valley.
deliver it into thine And it came to pass that night, that the LORD said unto him, Behold, there is a cloud in the camp, and I will
hand: and if thou go down to the camp, then thou shalt be afraid, and the LORD will bring thee
down to the And you heard what he said, and afterward you strengthened your hand and went down to the camp. And he went down and Pharaoh was afraid.
camp: and by the end of the day the
sun shall be in the camp: and Midian and Amalek and all the children of Kedem shall fall. And the camels of the camels were as many as the camels of the sea, and
the camels of the camels
to were as many as the camels of the sea. And there was a dream told to the neighbor, and he said, "This is the sword of Gideon, from the" camp of Midian, and came
Gideon the, and smote it, and threw it down, and overturned it, and the tent was broken. And his friend answered him. And he said, "This is not my word, but that
son of Joash, a man of Israel, is given to me by God."
{P} ;nbsp&He defeated Midian and all the camp.
R And I will believe. And it came to pass, when Gideon heard the number of the dream and the breaking of the covenant, that he returned to the camp of Israel, and
camp of Midian into their hand. And he smote three the LORD delivered the
as hundred men, three hundred chiefs, and put trumpets in their hand, and empty pitchers. And according to the same, in the house of the potters, and it was
good as it was made,
so it was made. And he said unto them, See what I do, and do it: and, behold, I come to the edge of the camp.

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And I will blow the trumpets, and

Yumo And Gideon came, and a hundred men with him, to the edge of the camp, and the fire of the Asherah, which was kept in the middle, arose and rose up.
The watchmen blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. The three
leaders blew their trumpets and broke the jars and broke them in Samuel's hand.
And the trumpets were blown, and the battle was called unto the LORD, and unto Gideon.
And they stood under the trumpets round about the camp, and all the camp ran and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and
the LORD called the battle to Gideon. In the camp and in the camp, and in the camp,
And the men of Israel, out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh,
pursued after Midian.
D And the angels sent Gideon throughout all the land of Ephraim, saying, Go down and pursue the Midianites, and take for them the waters of
Judges Beth-berah and the Jordan. And all the men of Ephraim were afraid, and they took the waters of Beth-berah and the Jordan.
- And the two princes of Midian took Oreb and Zeeb, and slew Oreb with a raven's ax, and Zeeb slew
And Jacob and Zeeb pursued Midian, and the chief of the ravens and Zeeb brought them to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 8

And the men of Ephraim said to him, "What is this thing that you have done to us, that you have not called us a sign, that you have gone to the hill?"
And they fought against Midian, and fought
against them in Hoshea. And he said unto them, What have I done this day, that I have made the high places of Ephraim
better than the high places of Abiathar? God hath delivered into their hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what have I done to
faint? And Gideon them now that their spirit is
came and crossed the Jordan, he and the three hundred men who were with him, weary and exhausted.
F And I said to the people, "Give us some bread as a gift for the people, for weary feet are weary, and weary feet are weary."
sacrificed and The king of Midian have Now I will give
you your food and drink. Penuel Kasher, a humble man, And the king said, "The LORD's daughter
Y one who sacrifices and makes a sacred offering." Lachish is the And Gideon said,

And
he said also to the men of Penuel, "Return in peace, and I will bring you the golden grove." And he sacrificed and made atonement
And in Karkar, and their camp was with them, about fifteen thousand, all that were left of all the camp of the children of Ked.
the number of those who fell was one hundred and ten thousand men, and the number of those who fell was one hundred and ten thousand men.
Yes And Gideon went up after the men who were in the tents, from the front, to the slaughter, and he went up to the camp, and the battle was over.
In
safety, the kings of Midian offered sacrifices; they offered sacrifices, and Noah pursued them and captured them.
And Noah took the sword, and all the camp, and Gideon
the son of Joash returned from the battle, from the ascent of the fortress. And he caught
And a young man of the men of Koth, and asked him, and wrote unto him the names of the princes of Koth, and the elders thereof, seventy days, and returned.
there
A came a man unto the people of the land, and said, Here is a sacrifice, and make a graven image, which I have despised, saying, Here is a sacrifice, and make a graven image.
give to your men the bread of the fire. And Now therefore, I will
he took the elders of the city, and the elders of the wilderness, and the scribes, and made known unto them the men of the city: and he
gave the great man Penuel, and the chief of the men of the city, one to
another, and said unto Zebah and to Zalmunna, Where are the men whom you killed at Tabor? They said, "As for you, as for them."
Then the king's sons said,
"As the LORD lives, if I had killed them, I would not have killed you. Shoot, for I am still a young man." And he said to
the rest, "Get up, kill them." But the young man did not draw his sword, for I am still a young man.
And he said, "Say, 'Go up and strike him down, as if he were mighty.'" And Gideon arose and killed him.
{P} ;nbsp&And Noah took the camels' camels' saddles.
Gideon And the men of Israel said to Gideon, "You and your son and your son's son, how you have saved us from the hand of Midian." And
said to
them, "I will not I will not be able to defeat them, nor will my son defeat them; the LORD will defeat them." And Gideon said to
When be able to defeat them, nor will my son defeat them. I ask you to give me a gift, and I will give you a gift, just as I give you a gift of gold.
they heard this, they
said, "We will give it to you." They opened the basket and threw it away. The weight of the gold bars was one
thousand seven hundred shekels of gold, besides the silver and the gold plates. it came to pass
And the purple garments that the kings of Midian wore, and the scarlet garments that the kings of Asher wore, were made by
the hand of their camels. And Gideon made them into an ephod, and he set them in his city in the field, and all Israel followed him after them, and it
became Gideon's and his house's possession.

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And they did not cease to be their leaders, and the land had rest forty years in the days of Israel And Midian was subdued before my sons.
{P} ;nbsp&Gideon.
And Baal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his house. And
out and dwelt in Asher, and she bare him a son, and they call Gideon had seventy sons, and many wives, and he went
was buried in the sepulchre of his father his name Abimelech. And Gideon the son of Joash died in Sheba. And he
Joash in the field of the father of the Ezri {p}

Israel And it came to pass, when Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel returned, and played the harlot after the Baals, and set up Baal in the midst of them.
knew the
LORD their God, who saved them from all their enemies on every side. {P} ;nbsp&He did not show kindness to the And they did not remember my sons.
house of Baal Gideon according to all the goodness that he had shown to Israel.

Chapter 9

And And Abimelech the son of Jeriel went to Shechem to his mother's brothers and spoke to them and to all the family of Beth-a, saying,
he said,
remembe Speak ye in the ears of all the men of Shechem, What is better for you than to take a parable among you, and to take a parable among you, and to
them as yourselves, and to remember them as your own? And my brethren spake of him in the
ears of all the men of Shechem. And they heard all these words, and their hearts were turned after Abimelech, as Amram and Ahijah had said. And he
gave them seven hundred shekels of silver from Baal
sea Berith, and Abimelech hired among them idle men, and they were deceived.
And they went after him:
and he came to his father's house in Ophrah, and slew his brethren the children of Beersheba, seventy men, upon a stone of Achath, and he died.
{S} ;nbsp&Jotham Ben-Yir, the youngest, as a hidden man.

And And they went and anointed Abimelech king with Elon. And he gathered together all the men of Shechem, and all the house of Milcom.
the king of Assyria
came to Eli, and they told him, and he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and he lifted up his voice and called out, and said to them,
In the days of Shechem, and God heard them. The people
is the one I have chosen, the one who will honor God and went and advised them to anoint him as king over them. And he said to them, "This
The word "on" man, and you will go and do what I have commanded you."
The trees
said to the trees, "Give me your kingdom over us." And he said to them, "The fig
tree alone has its branches and its good fruit, and you have gone forth to eat the figs." And the trees said to the trees, "Give me your kingdom over us."
And he said to them, "Give me your kingdom over us." The body of the one who has made me the heir
And all of the one who pleases God and man, and I have gone to the tree of life.
the trees said to the fir tree, "You are our king over us." And if you are, then the fir tree said
to the trees, "If you truly anoint me king over you, I will anoint you king over them, and you will be my refuge, and under my shadow a woman will come out of the fir
tree and devour the cedars of Lebanon." And if you truly And you have done
well, and you have made Abim king, and you have done well with Baal and his house, and you have done to him according to the reward of his hands. For my
father fought against you, and he put his life in your hands, and
house this day. And you killed his seven delivered you from the hand of Midian. And you have risen up against my father's
done sons on the stone of Achat, and you made Abimelech, the son of Amath, king over the men of Shechem, as he had done to his brothers. And you have
truly and honestly with them, with the mountain of Baal, and with the house of Abimelech,
also- And he this day, which you have done with Abimelech.
will rejoice in
them. And if a woman comes out of Abimelech and eats up the house of Shechem and the house of Melo, and another comes out of the house of Shechem and
the house of Melo, and eats up Abimelech. {P} ;nbsp&And
Joash left them and went to Beerah, and Shem returned from the presence of Abimelech his brother. And Abimelech reigned over Israel
three years. And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and
the Baal the Shechemites, and the Shechemites betrayed him to Abimelech. And blood be upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon Baal
Shechemites, who strengthened his hands. To kill his brothers. And they set ambushes against the men The arrival of the seventy-five sons of Baal
of Shechem on the tops of the mountains, and they plundered them.
ÿÿ All that passes by them in the house
{P} ;nbsp&And Gad said unto Abimelech, And
Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren went in unto them, and they trusted in him in the land of Shechem. And they
ate, and went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and gathered them, and made merry, and came into the house of their god, and
And they cursed Abimelech, saying, "Giel the son
of Ebed, from Abimelech and from Shechem, because we have served you, O son of Jeriel, and Zebul, and said, 'Think of the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem,
and know that we will serve you.'"

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the: And he sent for Abimelech, and said to Abimelech, "Your army is too large for you, and you will deliver this people into my hand." And Zeb the king of And water
the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, and his anger was kindled.
M And he sent messengers to Abimelech in Ramah, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren are come to Shechem, and they besiege the city
against thee: and now arise, go thou and
the people that are with thee, and go thy way in the field. And it shall be in the morning, the sixth
day of the month, and thou shalt be a stranger. Upon the city, and behold, I and the people with me shall go out to sea.
And you shall do to him as you find fit. And Abimelech
and all the people who were with him rose up all night and lay in wait in the field of Shechem, four heads of the city. And Gaal the son of Ebed
went out and stood and opened the gate of the city, and Abimelech and the people who were with him rose up from the west.
to And Gehazi saw the people, and said to Zeb, "Behold, the people are coming down from the tops of the mountains." And Zeb said to him, "Behold, the people of the mountains,
you see as men." And Gehazi continued speaking,
And and said, "Behold, the people are coming down from the top of the mountains, and one head is in the way of God."
Zebulun said unto
them, What shall I do unto you? For I have spoken against Abimelech, that we should serve him. Is not this the people whom I have oppressed? Come now, let us go out
before me in the and fight against them. And they went
city of Shechem, and fought against Abimelech. And Abimelech And Gaal came out.
pursued him, and fled from before him. And they made many noises unto the opening of the gate. {s} ;nbsp&And Abimelech dwelt in
Arumah, and Zebul the son of Zebul sent away Gaal and his brethren from their habitation.

And it came to pass in the morning, that the people went out into the field, and told Abimelech.
He And behold, the people went out of the city and And he took the people and divided them into three groups, and he set them in the field and saw
arose against them and
And all the people they were afraid. And Abimelech and the leaders with him opened the gate of the city, and the two leaders opened it.
of Asher went into the field and
city defeated them. And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he captured the city and the people who were in it, and he killed them, and he destroyed the
and sowed it with salt.
And when all the Baals of Shechem heard of it, they went to Zeriah in the city of El Berith. And all the Baals of Shechem
were gathered together. And it was told to Abimelech, and Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon,
and all the people that were with him. And Abimelech took the sword in his hand.
You are And he cut a bundle of sticks, and took it, and laid it on the altar, and said unto the people that were with him, What have ye seen that I have done?
They did as I Hurry up
And commanded them. And all the people also hired men of Shuka, and they followed Abimelech, and they set upon him the slain, and he was slain.
took the king of Shechem slew all the men of Magdal Shechem, both men and women. And Abimelech went to Thebez, and encamped in Thebez, and
And Magdal Uzza was in the midst of the city, and he slew all the men and women,
And and all the chiefs of the city. Weiss
he went up to the top of the tower, and set fire to it,
and went up to the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire.
And she cast a woman, the daughter of Peleg, into the fire of Abimelech, and she ran after him, and she called out to the
young man. He took his sword and said, "Draw your sword and strike me in the face." Tell him, "A woman has killed
him." And his servant stabbed him and killed him. And when the Israelites
saw that Abimelech was dead, they all went back to their places. And God returned the evil of Abimelech,
which he had done to his father, to kill him. His seventy brothers
;nbsp&And all the evil of the men of Shechem, God returned upon their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Baal came upon them.
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Chapter 10

And And after Abimelech arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of great wealth, and he
he dwelt in Shem, in the land of
Ephraim: {p} ;nbsp&And he judged Israel thirty and three years: and he died, and was buried in Shem. And after him arose Jair the
Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years: and he had thirty sons, which were three and twenty years old. And the children
of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals, and served the idols, and served the idols.

The gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Sidon, and
people of Israel forsook the LORD, and served him not: and the LORD sold Israel into the hand of And the
the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon. And the LORD was angry, and dismayed them, and smote the
children of Israel in the eighteenth year. All the sons of Israel are righteous before God.
Beyond the Jordan into the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

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And And the children of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight against them, even against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, and to make war against them.
why
have we forsaken our God, and served the Baals? Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned against you." And they will be angry with my children.

sea: And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Is it not from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?
And the Zidonians, and the Amalekites, and the Moabites, shall be with you, and ye shall cry unto me, and I will deliver you out of their hand: but ye
shall forsake my covenant, and serve other gods; therefore I will not be able to deliver you: and ye shall cry unto the God of your iniquity, and he
shall deliver you. For you in your time of trouble. To that end
And And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned; we have done unto thee according to all that is good in thy sight: but thou hast delivered us this day. {P}
they put away the
strange gods from before them, and served the LORD, and their soul was consumed with the service of Israel.
And Israel encamped in Mizpah: and the children of Ammon encamped in Gilead, and the children of Ashe gathered themselves together,
and the men of Gilead said unto their brethren, Whosoever of the people goeth up to fight with the children of Ammon, shall be the LORD's servant.
monument: {P} ;nbsp&everyone who sits

Chapter 11

And Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot's wife, and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him
We went sons, and the wife's sons brought them up, and they sent Jephthah away, and they said, He is not
into the house of our father, as the son of a woman after her. And he dwelt
ÿÿÿÿn the land of Tob, and gathered together idle men to Jephthah, and went out. And Jephthah fled from before his brothers.
{ÿ } ;nbsp&ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ
And it came to pass in those days, that the children of Ammon made war it came to pass
with Israel: and Gilead took Jephthah out of the good land. And it came to pass, when the children of Ammon fought with Israel, that my elders went and said,
And we fought against the children of Ammon. And Jephthah said, Go and tell the elders of Gilead, Did you not
ÿÿ hate me and drive me out of my father's house? And why have you brought me here?
As for you, Gilead is the gate of
Ammon. Jephthah. Now therefore, we will return to you, and you shall go with us, and we will fight against the children of And they said, My elders
of Gilead. And you shall be a firebrand unto us for all the inhabitants
will be a fire And Jephthah said unto And unto the elders of Gilead, If ye will bring them back again to fight with the children of Ammon, and the LORD your God shall give them before me, then I
unto Jephthah, The LORD is mythe elders of Gilead said
upon them God. Hearken unto us, if it be not according to thy word, so shall it be done. And Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people set their hands
for a fire and for a sacrifice. And Jephthah spake unto the LORD in Mizpah.
{P} ;nbsp&All his words were before me, and Jephthah
And sent messengers to Melech the Ammonites, saying, What have I to do with you, that I may bring you to fight against them in the land?
M the king of the children of Ammon said unto the angel of the LORD, Open the way, that Israel may bring up his land, when he cometh up out of Egypt.
From the Arnon, and to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan, and then he returned in peace. And Jephthah's word was
repeated, and he sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon. So Jephthah said to Israel, "Do not
take the land of Moab, and the land of the children of Ammon, as they came up out of Egypt." And he went. Israel was in the wilderness And he said,
until the Day of Atonement, and he came to Kadesh, saying, "The Lord sent angels to Israel."

We passed through your land, but the king of Edom did not listen. And even to the king of Moab we sent, but he did not listen, and he sat down in Israel.
In the
And wilderness he went around the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and he came from the east to the land of Moab and camped there.
they passed over the Arnon, and the Lebo-boa, by the border of Moab: for the Arnon was the border of Moab. And Israel
sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon, and said, Israel is passed over this
And Sihon did not trust Israel to go
after him. And Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in the wilderness, and fought with Israel. And Israel smote them, and they possessed Israel.

The LORD, the God of Israel, defeated Sihon and all his people in the land of the Amorites, the And you gave
inhabitants of the land. And they possessed all the territory of the
Amorites from the Arnon to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness to the Jordan. Israel, and you shall possess it. ;thinsp&now the LORD has sworn.
The God of Israel will give you the Amorite inheritance from the face of his people, as the Lord your God gave you, and you will inherit all the wealth of the Horites. The Lord our God
will give you the wealth of the Horites. He will give you the wealth of the Horites, and you will inherit all If we fight with Israel, we will fight in the wilderness of Shephelah,
in Heshbon and its towns, in Araunah
M: and its towns, and in all its cities. I will give them three hundred years of power, and they will not be saved in the time of judgment. The LORD, the Judge, will judge on that day
between the sons of Israel.

You are a bad person for fighting And I have not sinned against you, and you have done it.
between Israel and the Ammonites.

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{P} ;nbsp&And when the children of Ammon heard the words of Jephthah, which he sent unto them out of
Zizpah, and And the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he smote Gilead and Manasseh, and he passed over Mizpeh Gilead.
Gilead passed over the children of
Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand,
then shall it be, that he shall go out from the doors of my house to call me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon: and it shall be unto the LORD
{P} ;nbsp&and Jephthah offered a burnt offering.
And the LORD gave them power by his hand, and opened the way for the children of Ammon to ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ
sore fight against them, and he smote them from Aroer even unto Baach, even unto Abel-keram, with a very great slaughter: and he made the children of Israel to be
displeased. {P} ;nbsp&Ammon from among the sons
And Jephthah the son of Mizpah came into his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to call him, the daughter of Piham, and was sick and naked.
And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he
ÿ rent his clothes, and said, Who is my daughter that thou hast torn? thou hast torn me, and thou hast become a stranger.
And I will return to the LORD, and will not return. And he said unto him, My father, I
will return to the LORD, and will do unto you according to all that proceedeth out of your mouth after you, as the LORD hath done unto you: for this thing hath he avenged
me of thine enemies the children of Ammon. For this thing hath
he abated me two times. New moons and a journey and a descent upon the mountains And she said to her father, "Do this."
ÿ And I will weep for my virgins, my companions, and my friends. And he sent two new
her, moons, and she and her companions went and wept for her virgins, and for her. And he said unto
Come, I pray thee, two months, and I will return unto her father, and he shall make a vow unto her, and she shall be a virgin.
No one knew, and there was a curse in Israel. Every day the
daughters of Israel went to give a gift to the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite, four days in Bashan.

Chapter 12

ÿ ;thinsp&ÿ You passed by ;thinsp&And some of the Ephraimites and the Zephonites said, "Open the door, for you have not called us to go to your people, to your
house, and we have not yet come to you." And my people and the Ammonites were very angry with you, and I did not I was their
enemy, but I saved them from their hands. But I saw that there was no savior, and I put my soul in my hands, and I went over to the children of Ammon. The Lord
is with me.
And they said, "Why have you
come up to me today to fight against me?" And Jephthah gathered all the
men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, so that Gilead was in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh. The survivors of Ephraim
were with them. And the Gileadites said, "The Ephraimites are on the other side of the Jordan, and
it was as if I had said, 'The fugitives of Ephraim are slaves to the Ephrathites.'" And the men of Gilead said, "The Ephrathites are slaves to the Ephrathites." And he was captured.

And oh And he slaughtered And they said unto him, "Shibelath is the name of the land." And he said, "Shibelath," and he was not ready to speak thus. And he took them
and went over the Jordan, and slew of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. {P} ;nbsp&And Jephthah judged Israel six years,
And he was buried in and Jephthah the Gileadite Gilead
the city, and after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.
Utz And he had three sons and three daughters, three of whom were outside, and three of whom were in the house, for his sons were from the east.
And he judged Israel seven years. {P} ;nbsp&And Ibzan
died, and was buried in the house of Lachish.
And after him Elohim the Zebulunite judged Israel: and he judged Israel twenty years. {P} ;nbsp&And Elohim the Zebulunite died, and was
buried in the land of Zebulun. And after him Abdon the son of Heleel the son of Pharaoh judged Israel: and he had forty
sons. And three sons of Ben-nim, who were in charge of seven cities, judged Israel eighty years.
{P} ;nbsp&And Abdon the son of Heleel the Pharaoh died, and was buried at Pharaoh in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

Chapter 13

The LORD gave the Philistines forty years. Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and he gave them And he added to his sons

And there was a certain man of the tribe of Dan, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. And the angel of the LORD
and eat appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son: now therefore drink not wine,
mother, meat, and drink wine. And there shall no
he shall not come upon his head, but he eat any unclean thing: for if thou conceive, and bear a son, and a
And shall be a Nazirite unto God: the boy shall be from her.
he began to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines. And the woman came and
sea told her husband, saying, "A man of God came to me, and I saw him as an angel of God appears to me."
I was very afraid, but I did not ask the Lord, "Who is this?" But he did not tell me his name.

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And now drink not wine, nor be drinking strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

And he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and told him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the day that he came unto me.

And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

She may not eat of any thing that comes of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why asketh thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife fell on their faces to the ground.

But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

And the spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Chapter 14

And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

And after he returned to take her, he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

So his father went down unto the woman; and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change garments:

But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is not so?

And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and should I tell it thee?

And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

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On the seventh day he said, "Thinsp&And he was troubled for seven days, and he was troubled, and he told the riddle to his people." And the men of the
comes, city said to him, "On the seventh day, before the destruction
riddle." And his sweeter than a fish from the sea and from the land?" And he said to them, "If you had plowed with my oxen, I would have found out my
and was defeated by them men, and the Lord blessed him, and he went down to Ashkelon

And he gave the pieces of the puzzle to the wise men, and he burned incense, and he went to the house of Abijah.
{P} ;nbsp&And Samson's wife became his friend, and he became his friend.

Chapter 15

The And it came to pass in the days of wheat harvest, that Samson put on his wife's clothes, and said, Come, I
wife went into the room, but her father did not allow her to come in.
the And her father said, "I said, 'Because I hated her, and I gave her to you as a wife, is not your younger sister better than you?'"
You shall be under its control. I
evil to them. will cleanse the land from the Philistines, because I have done And he said to them, "Samson,
A single hand And he caught three hundred foxes, and took them for ransom, and turned tail to tail, and put them in the And Samson went.
between two tails in the middle.
You will be. And he made a fire in Lapidim, and sent to the Philistines, and they burned it from Magdash, and from Kemah, and from Kerem, and they
said, "And the Philistines of Asha said, 'This is it.' And they said, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, let him take his wife, and let her be his
shepherd." And the Philistines came up and burned it. And her father was in trouble. And he said
you." {P} ;nbsp&And to them, "Samson, do as I have done to you, and I will take vengeance on you, and then I will kill
they struck him with a great blow, and he went down and stayed in the cleft of the rock of Edom. And the Philistines came up and encamped
in Judah, and he was left in battle. And the men of Judah said, "Why have you
come up against us?" And they said to Asher, "Let Samson come up against us to do as he has done to us." And they went down with three thousand
men of Judah to the top of
the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines are kings among us?" And what is this that you have done to us? And he said
hand of the Philistines." to them, "As for you, do to them. I have done so." And they said to him, "Let us not go down to be delivered into the
And he said to them, "Samson, the seventh day, is the day of the plague of Peon-tit."
And they said
to him, "If you say, 'I will arrest you,' we will arrest you, and we will deliver you into their hands, and they will not kill you.'" And he arrested him in his place.
The Philistines shouted at his name, and the Lord gave him
victory, and he became a hero. The Philistines shouted at the name of Asher, and his prisoners were freed from the work of his He came to my life.
hands. And he found a fresh piece of bread, and he put On his limbs I have cast off the branches of the tree.
out his hand and took it, and he went and killed a thousand men. And he said, Shimshon, in the fierce battle of
the fierce battle, in the fierce battle of the fierce battle, I have slain a thousand men. And he called to the place where the wind
blew, and he was very angry, and he called to the And it came to pass, as he was able to speak, that he cast the raven out of his sight.
LORD, and said, "You have given this great deliverance into the hand of your servant, and now I will die in famine and I will perish." In the wilderness, God
who was in the wilderness, and he called to the man
he lived to brought forth from the waters, and he sat down and breathed on him, and he lived on the mountain, and he lived on the mountain, and
this day.
{P} ;nbsp&And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty-two years.

Chapter 16

And Samson went to Azzah, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her. And they said,
Samson is come, and they turned and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city.
And they were awake all night, saying, "Let us lie down until the morning light, and kill him."
And at midnight he took hold of the bars of the city gate, and Samson lay down until midnight, and then he arose.
And he took two of the rams, and he took them with him, and he laid them on his shoulders, and he set them on fire
Ney {p} ;nbsp&Hebron
of Delilah. And all his And he was behind the king, and he loved a woman by the name
people, and the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, I have seen thy strength, and see how great is his strength, and how great is his
strength: and we have afflicted him, and we will give thee ten thousand and one hundred pieces of
silver. And he said, Delilah told Samson, "Your great strength and great power will be used to torment you." And Samson said to her, "If
and he The you bind me in seven days, I will be free from pain and I will be as good as any other man." And the Philistine captains came up to him,
fire that was not
upon Samson, and kindled, and of the was burned with fire. And the king sat down in the chamber, and said unto him, The Philistines are

strength is unknown. The wick of youth is fragrant, but its

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And you will speak to them falsely, now tell them the truth. And Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have taken my hand."
And he
said to her, "If I am bound, I will be bound with new burdens, if I do not do your work in them, and I will be sick, and I will be like one of the other men." He sat down and
she sat down in a room, and she
stretched out her And Delilah took new ropes, and bound him with them, and said unto him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.
arms like a thread from her hair. And Delilah said to Samson, "How
long will you keep me company?" And she spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt prepare seven changes of head with the mask, the Philistines will be upon thee. And
Samson awoke from his sleep, and went to his house, and said unto him, Kill him, and he took the mask.

And the mask: and
your heart is not with you, these three times you have been with me and have not told me. And he said to him, "You will say, 'I love you.'"
In the morning, his strength
was great. And she afflicted him with her words all the days, and he was distressed and his soul was distressed to the point of death. And he
remove from my told her all his heart, and said to her, "Teacher, do not go up on your head, for I am a Nazirite to God. I am from my womb, and my strength is with you." And
right hand, and I will be like all men. And I was
M sick, and Delilah saw that I had told her all my heart, and she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Alas, the Philistine is dead."
And he said unto her, All my heart is with thee, and the captains of the Philistines came up against her, and the silver was in their hand. And she began to afflict him,
from him. And and And he lay down on her knees, and she called to him, and she shaved off the seven locks of his head, and his strength was taken
the Philistines
said unto him, Samson: and he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go with him, and I will make him afraid: and he was not.
The LORD took him from his that
of the place, and the Philistines seized him, and put out his eyes, and put out his shield, and bound him in the prison of the prisoners, and he was a prisoner in the house
prisoners. {P} ;nbsp&And the head of the head was cut off as in the third
month; and the heads of the Philistines were gathered together for a sacrifice. A great sacrifice
was offered to their God and to their joy, and they said, "Our God has delivered our enemy Samson into our hand." And the people saw it and praised their God, saying, "Our
God has delivered our enemy and the destroyer of our
land into our hand, and our enemies have multiplied."

Yat And it was good [as it pleased] them, and they said, Call Samson, and let him make sport of us. And they called Samson of the tribe of Benjamin.
(The prisoners) [the prisoners] and he laughed before them and made them stand among those who stood.
And Shimshon said to the young man who was in charge of the house of the LORD, "I will make the people sit down in the house of Nachon and the people of Asaph." And the house
was full of men and women, and all the Philistine chiefs, and on the hill about
three thousand men and women. And Samson saw that this time God had come and strengthened him. And Samson called upon the Lord, and said, Remember me, and take
vengeance for me, and I will avenge the
Philistines. And the men that stood in the midst of the house were ready against them, and they were blinded. They said, "Samson will tear my teeth."

And one on his left, and one on his right. And Samson
said, Let us die with the Philistines. And he bowed with all his might, and the house fell upon the pillars, and upon all the house.
And they were very happy, and the dead were many, and it was better for him to die in his death than to die in his life. And he was buried
and buried in the midst of the wilderness. And his brothers and all the house of his father came down to the LORD, and they carried him up and brought him up.
{P} ;nbsp&And Eshtaol was buried in the tomb of his father Manoah, and he judged Israel for twenty-two years.

Chapter 17

And there was a man of Ephraim, whose name was Michaiah. And he said
Here is unto him, Thousand, and what silver shall I give thee? And thou shalt say, I will hearken unto thee.
returned the silver with you, and I will take it. And his mother said, "It is a gift to the Lord." And he
hundred shekels of silver to his mother. And he said, "It is a holy thing. I have consecrated the silver to the Lord from my son's hand."
To make a statue and a shield, and now I will return it to you. And it shall be,
and you shall take from it a silver piece, and you shall give it to the goldsmith, and he shall make it a statue and a shield. And he returned the money to his mother.
In the house of Micah: And
the man Micah brought him into the house of God, and made an ephod and turbans, and consecrated one of his sons, and he became his priest. {P} ;nbsp&In those days there
was no
one in Israel who was upright in his own eyes.
And there was a young man of the house of Lehem, of the tribe of Judah, and he was a Levite, and he was a sojourner.
the And he came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of And there went out of the city of Lehem, a house of Judah, to sojourn in Asher, as he could find.
Micah, to do his business.
R I am a house of bread, Judah, and I am going to the land. And Levi said unto Micah, Come, I pray thee, and I will bring thee.
I am glad I found it.

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and you will And he said, "If Micah returns from his place, he will be my father and priest, and I will give you a tenth of a shekel of silver for your life,
be clothed with clothing and your food." And
the young man was the Levite went to meet him. And the Levite went to meet the man, and
like one of his sons. And he And Micah filled the hand of the Levite, and the young man became a priest
was in Micah's house. For the Levites were {p} ;nbsp&And Micah said, Now I know that the LORD will do good to me.

Chapter 18

AndIn those days there was no peace in Israel, and in those days the tribe of Dan sought a place to rest, because it was not
unto this day, out of the tribes of Israel, in the wilderness, five hundred men from their families,
men of the children of Dan, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to spy it out, and to speak
R- They searched the land and came back.
Ephraim went to Micah's house and killed him. He was
with Micah's house, and he obeyed the voice of the young man the Levite, and he killed him. He said to him, "Who are you, my son? What
have you done to me? What has he done to you?" And he
said to them, "Thus and thus has he done to Micah, and he has hired me." And he went to the priest.
And they said unto him, Let us inquire of God, and we will know whether our way shall prosper, when we go up against it.
{P} ;nbsp&And the priest said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, The LORD maketh your way prosperous, when ye go up against it.
Thenthe five men went and returned to Laish, and saw the people sitting nearby, as if they were in a cave.
And they are safe and sound in the land, and they are far from the land; they are quiet and peaceful, and they do not speak
to anyone. And they came to their brothers, and they
were afraid, and they said to them, "What are you doing to them?" And they said, "Arise, and let us
go up to them, as we have seen." The land is very good, and you will not go to the land to possess it. The people will be safe, and the
land will be spacious, as God has given You will be successful.
you a place in their hands.
Asher, the son of Shem, was the son of Shem, Forests
And they journeyed from there, from the tribe of Dan.

And they went up from mount Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah:
and he passed by, and the five men that went to spy out the land on foot, and said unto their brethren, Know ye not how that house hath
an ephod, and a teraphim, and a graven image, and a veil? and now what shall we do with it? And
they turned back. And they came to the house of the Levite, to the house of Micah, and asked him for peace. And
six hundred men armed with weapons of war stood at the entrance of the gate, which was of the children of Dan.
T- And the five men who had gone up to the land of Samaria went up to take the image and the ephod and
the: The gate was opened and six hundred men were girded with all the weapons of war. The priests and the priests went to Micah's
house and took the ephod, the priests and the priests. The priest said to them, "What are you doing? It will be for us and for the priest,
will be for us a and it
blessing." And they said, "The priest will put his hand on your mouth and You are a priest to the house of one man, and you are a priest
to the tribe and the family of Israel. And the heart of the priest was kind, and he took the ephod and the turban
and the turban and returned to the people. And he turned and went, and set the turban and the turban and the turban
before them. So they removed from Micah's house, and the men who were in the houses that were with
And the Micah's house were afraid and were afraid.
children of
you done Dan said to Micah, "What have And they called unto the children of Dan, and he turned his face toward them, and said,
with to me, that you have been so wicked?" And he said, "By my God, what have I done to you? Take them and the priest, and go. And what have I to do
you? And
what is this that you say? And what have I to do with you?" And he said to him, "Children of Dan, do not listen to your voice against us, lest we be struck
down by you, men of my people."
He searched and gathered his soul And the children of Dan went their way, and Micaiah saw how strong they were among them.
and And they took the things that Micah and the priest had made, and they came to the people in peace.
searched his house. And he returned to his house. And he took a sword and a
spear and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. And there was no one to escape, for the city was far from him, and they had no one
to speak to. And it was as far as the house of
they Rehoboam, and he built the city. And they dwelt there: and they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan, which was born unto Israel: and
called the name of the city Laar, because it was a second time. And Shimei and his sons were there: and the children of Dan set up for them the image: and
Jehonathan the son of Gershom the son of Manah, for the
tribe of Dan unto this day. The exiles of the land {p} ;nbsp&And they set up for them the image of Micah, which he had made, all the days that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Chapter 19

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There was a Levite in the hill country of Ephraim, and he was there in those days, and he went to Israel, and he was there.
And he took a wife of the tribe of Judah, a Philistine.
sea And she played the harlot with him, and went from him to her father's house to the house of Lehem Judah, and she became his wife.
Four new months
sea With a donkey's hand And a young man And a man arose and went after her to speak to her heart (to bring her back) [to bring her back], and he came to her
father's house, and he saw the father of the girl, and he was glad to hear her call. And he strengthened his
The son-in-law, the father of the girl, and he stayed with her three days, and they ate and drank and spent the night there. And he was there for a day.
fourth day dawned and he rose to go. And the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Help me, my dear."
Fat-lechem and then you will go. It will be
better and And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: and the damsel's father said unto the man, This is the man, and this is the man.
And he
sat down and said, "My And the man arose to go, and parted his garment with his
father, the young woman, is a comfort to you." And he sent them away on the morning of the fifth day to go and said,
And they were astonished until the break of day, and they both ate. And the man
rose up to go and lay down with his son, and said unto his son-in-law, The father of the damsel, behold, she is healed.
For the evening, we will have a camp for the day, and it will be good for your heart, and you will be ready for your journey tomorrow, and go.
And he went
to his tent, and his father went to the city, and he arose and went, and came to the plain of Jebus, which is Jerusalem, and with him was a donkey.
They were surrounded by the Jebusites,
and the day was very dark. And the young man said to his master, "Come, let us go and attack this Jebusite city and camp there." And his master said to him, "We
cannot attack a foreign city, a
city not built by the Israelites." And he said, "Let us go over to Gibeah." And they went up and came near one of the places, and they went up to Gibeah, and to
Ramah.
to Benjamin And he passed there, and by to the city, and he came there to the city, and there he came to Gibeah, which belonged
was no one to gather them, and the city was given to them. An old man came from his work in the field in the
evening, and the man was from Mount Ephraim, and he was a stranger; thinsp&and behold

right. And On the hill and the people of the place on my
And he he lifted up his eyes and saw the man of the west in the broad city. And he said, The old man is gone, and from whence shall he return?
went to
the house of And he said unto them, We will encamp from Beth-lehem of Judah unto the foot of mount Ephraim; from thence will I
Judah, and to the house of the LORD: I am gone, and there is none to destroy the pillars of the house.
yen And also the wheat and the barley, and the barley for our donkeys, and the barley for bread and wine, and for me, and for thy servant, and for the young man with thy servants.
The old man said, "Peace
be with you, Rebekah, all your loss, for you are in the house of Rebekah, do not be afraid." And he brought him
into his house (and gave him fodder) for the donkeys, and they washed their feet, and he ate and gave them water. And they
said They were doing good to their hearts, and behold, the men of the city, the sons of Belial, were returning home from the battle.
to the man, "Is there anyone in the old man's house?" Let's say the man who came to your house was brought out and we were
informed that
And the man of the house went out unto them, and said unto them, Let no man be afraid: for the LORD is with thee.
This is to my house, do not do this abomination.
M Behold, the virgin's house, and the pilgrimage, and the tribulation
And to this man shall not this wicked thing be done. And he went out unto
them, and told them. And the man kept his wife in the tent, and they And the father of men is not to hear.
slept with her all night until the morning, and sent her away in the morning. And the woman returned at dawn and lay down at the door
the light. She fell down, and the woman slept with him, and he arose. Her master of the man's house, where her master was sleeping until
woke her up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to walk along the road. He opened the door of the house and her hands were on the
doorpost. And she went and there was no one
there. He took her to the fire and the man got up and went to his place. And he said to her, "Get up." And he went into his house and took the food and
strengthened her. And when the Philistines had gathered together, they began to gather together, and to send them throughout all the coasts of Israel. And all that saw
them said, There was never such a thing, nor was
there ever seen the like of it, since the day the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt. {P} ;nbsp&to this day They put their hands on her and spoke.

Chapter 20

To the land of Gilead And all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man unto Midian, and unto Beersheba seven miles.
Jehovah is the hope.

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And the faces of all the people stood firm, throughout all the tribes of Israel, in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand men dead.
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Israel said, "How have you become?" And the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were come up to Mizpah, and they said, My children,
This evil thing
companions, happened. And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was slain, answered and said to the people, "May the children of Benjamin be with me, and my
and my
companions, be killed." And they rose up against me on the mountain, and they laid wait for me all night, and I killed him, and my companions, and I was put to death.
And he
died, and was buried in Israel. And I will take hold of my staff, and I will stretch it out, and I will send it throughout all the land of Israel, as they have done in their time.
And they said, "Behold, the children of Israel came and spoke to them, and all the people stood
the thing that was done to Gibeah by lot." up as one, saying, 'No one shall go to his tent, and no one shall return to his house.' And now this is

Israel, and a hundred to a thousand, and a thousand to a thousand; and we took ten men, every man to a hundred, to take a portion for them, to do Tribal
a sacrifice unto the children of Benjamin, according to all the slaughter which he had done in Israel. {P} And all the men of Israel went up to the
city, every man. One of my friends
But I did not say, and Israel, the men of all the tribe of Benjamin, said, "What evil is this that Asher has done, and he has sent us away, and we will evil be among them."
now I will bring the men of Belial to Asher in Gibeah, and they will kill them, and there will be a great fire in Israel, so that they will hear the voice of their brothers, the
children of Israel." [The sons of] Benjamin, Israel.
And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities of Gibeah, to fight with the children of
In Benjamin: and the children of Benjamin were numbered that day out of the cities of Gibeah ten thousand and six thousand men, which drew the sword, to the city of Gibeah.
the hill country, seven hundred men were present, one on the left and one
on the right. All of them were taken to the gate and did not sin. And the people of Israel were present alone, four hundred men from Benjamin. A thousand men are like a
thousand swords, all of them are like a thousand swords.
And
the he arose, and went up into the house of God, and inquired of God, and said unto the children of Israel, Who shall go up for us in the beginning?
And the LORD said unto Judah, Go up first: and the children of Israel rose up early, and encamped on
the hill. And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin: and they drew them
the: up in array unto the hill. And the children of Benjamin went out. From Gibeah, and Israel destroyed on that day twenty-two thousand men of the land. And
there is the people of Israel strengthened themselves, and they returned to the battle line in the place where they had fought on the first day.

And
the children of Israel went up, and wept before the LORD unto the multitude, and inquired of the LORD, saying, Go up to the house of Sheth, to fight against the
up unto them. children of Benjamin my brother. And the LORD said unto them, Go
And the children of Israel came near unto the children of Benjamin the second day: and the children of Israel came out from the hill
country on the second day, and the children of Benjamin came out from the hill country on the second day, and the children of Benjamin came out from the hill country on the second day, and the children of Benjamin came out from the hill country.
Israel killed eighty thousand men of the land, all of them by the sword, and the people of Israel and all the people went up and came to the house
prayed of Israel and wept and sat there before the Lord, fasting until evening on that day, and offering burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the children of Israel
before the LORD, and Aaron took up the ark of the covenant of God in those days: and Phinehas the son of
Eleazar the son of Aaron stood before
Before him in those days, the people gathered together again to fight against
your hand." the children of Benjamin, their brothers, one against another. And the Lord said, "Go up, for tomorrow we will give you into
{P} ;nbsp&And Israel went up to the hill round about.
And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and they came up to the hill country, their armies by army.
And the children of Benjamin went out to call the people together, and they were separated from the city, and they began to smite the lepers of the
people in the midst of them, one of them in the high place of Beth-el, and one of them in the high place of Gibeah, in the field, about three thousand men.
In Israel: Israel
said, "We have sold you, and you have bought us." They are our enemies, our firstborn and our sons. And the children of Benjamin said,
From the city to the mountains, Israel went
out from their place; thinsp&and all from the forest of Geba; and they And in the evening And the children of Israel arose out of their place, and worshipped Baal Tamar.
knew it, and they went
up against the hill of Asherah, ten thousand men out of all Israel, and the battle was heavy, and they were with them {p}; nbsp&for evil had befallen them; Israel in
Benjamin; thinsp And the LORD smote Israel, and destroyed of them
that day fifteen thousand and one hundred: all these were slain with the sword: for they trusted in the LORD in the day of Asher. Benjamin before me

They turned and the men of Israel set a place for Benjamin, who had gone And the children of Benjamin saw how
to the hill. And the arvêz sat
down and spread themselves out to the hill, and the arvêz set fire to all the city by the sword. Israel and the arvêz set fire to the city, and they burned
incense to the arvêz. And the covenant was made with
the people, and Israel was overthrown in battle, and Benjamin began to smite the children of Israel, about threescore and ten.
But it is a battle before us, like the first battle. ÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ

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And there she was, all night long, in the city. And Benjamin turned back. And the burden of the disease began to rise from the city as a pillar of smoke.
The sky saw
that the disaster had happened. And some of Israel turned back, and some of Benjamin turned back, and some of Israel turned back toward
the wilderness, and the battle raged against them, and Asher was among the cities that were destroyed.
And they went out from
east of Shemesh. And they smote of Benjamin and pursued after Benjamin, and Manoah the son of Hadar, and led him away from Gibeah, from the
ten thousand men, all the men of war. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Ramah, and they
He struckwere scattered. In Maslow, five thousand men and women
them down to the ground and killed thousands of them.
the And all the men of Benjamin were ten thousand, and five thousand were valiant men that day. And all the men of Benjamin were valiant men.
The men of war
And the men turned and fled into the wilderness to the rock of Ramon, six hundred men, and they stayed at the rock of Ramon, four hundred and eight.
of Israel returned to the children of Benjamin, and smote by the sword from the city of Mitsot unto the beasts, and all that was found, even all the cities that were found, which they had
sent away with a sword.

Chapter 21

And he to Benjamin." They swore in Mizpah, saying, "No one from us will give a wife to Benjamin, and no one from Israel will give a wife
said, "For And the people came to Bethel, and they sat there until evening before God, and they lifted up their voice and wept bitterly.
D: the LORD God of Israel has said this in Israel, 'This day I will divide from Israel one tribe.'"
{P} ;nbsp&And it came to pass in the morning, that the people arose, and built an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings: and Israel returned unto
the LORD, because he had returned unto this place. Israel said to Benjamin, "Why did you not go up to the LORD, the God of Israel, to the people of Israel?" And
the people said to Benjamin, "What shall we do today?" And the people said to Benjamin, "What shall we do today?" Let them be
them our daughters as wives. left as wives, and we will be satisfied with the Lord, and not give And they comforted their children.

Israel, who did not go up to the LORD, the God of Israel, and behold, there is no God. And he said, "From one of my tribes
The camp of Jabesh Gilead was near the camp, and there
was a man there from the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead, and the Hittites. And the people were gathered together.
women, And they sent twelve thousand men of the children of Israel, and commanded them, saying, Go unto the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead, and unto the
and unto the children of Israel ;thinsp&And they found of the inhabitants of Jabesh-
gilead four hundred young virgins, whom no man had known {p } ;nbsp&And they brought them unto the camp of Shiloh, which is in
the land of Canaan.

Rimmon, and they called him out of And they sent all the congregation, and spake peaceably unto the children of Benjamin, even unto Asher in the rock of
the women of Jabesh-gilead, but they found him not. And Benjamin returned at the time of the feast, and the men gave them a sign that they were alive.
And
the children of Israel were comforted concerning Benjamin, and the elders of the congregation said, What And the people
Benjamin, shall we do for the women that are left, seeing we have destroyed the women of Benjamin? And they said, Let the Philistines go out to
and let not a tribe be destroyed out of Israel: and we will not be able to give them wives. Our understanding is
that the children of Israel were to be given a vow, saying, "Aren't we given a burnt offering?"
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The day of Asher, from the north to the house of God, from the east, will come; and they will say, "Behold, the feast of the LORD is in peace and from days to days."
The sixth day of the burnt offering was from Beth-el to Shechem and from Manahath to Labanah. (And
they commanded) [and commanded] the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait for them in the vineyards. And when
you see them, and see that the daughters of Shiloh come out to play in the fields, then you shall go out from the vineyards and capture them. And they took wives from the
daughters of Shiloh, and went to the land of Benjamin. And when their fathers and
their brethren came to us, we said to them, "We will not give them to you, for it is time to take a wife for us." {S& {nbsp;
A wife in war because

And And the children of Benjamin did so, and took women to number them from among the unclean things which they had taken captive, and they went and returned.
they built cities and dwelt in them: and they went out from them, and went
There is a forth from them: and the children of Israel went forth from them, and went forth from them: and they